(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and the details thereof indicating the hotel accommodation an'd other facilities provided to the affected passengers during the last one year; and

(c) the number of suites filed by affected passengers against the airlines during the same period; what is the result of these cases and the amount of money paid by way of damages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) There are occasional delays in flights operated by Indian Airlines and passengers are offloaded only when the flight cannot proceed to its destination.

(b) Delays, cancellations on en route stations are due to the factors like delayed arrival of incoming flights, adverse weather conditions and occasionally due to technical reasons. Indian Airlines provide meals t, o the passengers of delayed fights and hotel accommodation for 24 hours to the passengers of cancelled flights. The passengers are accomodated on the first available flight.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Hijacking of Pan-Am plane

2898. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Govern ment has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the Statesman of 2nd November, 1986 under the caption "Fore-. ign hand in Pan-Am hijacking possible"; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MGDTSH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The authentic and official account of the unlawful seizure ot the Pan-Am airlines at Karachi is awaited

Ministers Heading Sports Associations

2899. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAIAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the guidelines in regard to appointments of office bearers to the different sports associations jn the country;

(b) whether a number of Ministers of Union and State Governments have been appointed Presidents of such Associations, if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RE-SOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI-MATI MARGARET ALVA), (a) Gov ernment guidelines regarding holding office by an office bearer in national organisations dealing with sports and games stipulates that (1) as office bearer of a National Federation/ Association may hold office as such for one term: of 4 years, and may be eligible for re-election for a like term or period.

(2) No such office bearer shall hold office consecutively for more than two terms or 8 years.

Provided that n the event of election for the second term, an office bearer who has completed one term shall only be deeme'd to have been elected if he/she secures a majority of not less than two-third of the members of the National Federation/Association concerned. In the event of failure to obtain such majority, the concerned office bearer shall be deemed to have lost the election. The office would there-after be filled by election under the normal procedure from amongst candidates other than the office bearer seeking re-election.

Ob) Government does not make such appointments.

(c) Does not arise.